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AMENDMENT

SIR:

Applicant hereby petitions for a one-month extension of time, a petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) and authorization to charge the requisite fee being enclosed.

In response to the Office Action dated February 17, 2004, please amend the subject application as follows:

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

Note the attached formal replacement Fig. 27. The typographical error of AAL5 has been corrected.

AMENDMENTS TO THE TITLE:

Please change the title to read as follows:

LAYER 2 LINK HANDLER AND PATH CONNECTION METHOD THEREOF